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**CHAPTER 10**  
**ECONOMIC & TRADE STATISTICS**

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**APPENDIX A: COUNTRY DATA**

Population: 2,420,000 (2002)

Religion: Islam predominates, but other religions are publicly practiced

Government System: Constitutional Hereditary Emirate

Language: Arabic (official), English widely spoken.

Work Week: Saturday -Wednesday

**APPENDIX B: THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY**

<b>All figures in U.S. \$ Millions, unless otherwise indicated</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
GDP(Nominal)	37,777	36,150	37,250
Real GDP Growth	1.7%	0.8%	1.4%
Government Spending (% of GDP)	33.48%	37.56%	40%
Inflation Rate	1.9%	2.7%	2.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.5%	3.5%
Foreign Exchange Reserves	2,245	2,761	3,000
Average Forex Rate (US \$ per KD)	0.3068	0.3065	0.3060
Debt Service Ratio	7.7%	9.7%	8.4%

*Sources: Central Bank of Kuwait; Ministry of Planning; Embassy Estimates*

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